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I feel Microsoft should not benefit from having broken anti-trust law. It has abused it monopoly position, and as a direct result MS Windows is ubiquitous on the desktop. This may or may not have been good for the consumer but we'll never have to opportunity to know what might have been if MS had not been so (unfairly) dominant.

Remedies. I think that if product support is going to be discontinued then (windows 3.11, windows 95, etc.) then MS should be forced to release the source code for the discontinued product either to the public domain or to a separate company charged with providing support. I feel it is unreasonable to force consumers (whether private or corporate) to buy product upgrades merely to maintain there current application. If Ford or GM refused to provide parts for, or allow 3rd party companies to service discontinued automobiles there would be public outrage.

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Change is inevitable - except from a coke machine

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